

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 5 1. A method for enabling information associations,
comprising:
parsing a document, said document including a number of
objects;
forming a list of those of said objects in said
10 document for which related information is available;
detecting selection of one of said objects in said list
by said user;
searching a database for information regarding said
selected one of said objects in said list; and
15 displaying information from said database related to
said selected one of said objects in said list.
2. The method of claim 1, further comprising providing
visual indication to said user of those of said objects in
20 said document within said list.
3. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
detecting an operation in which said document is loaded
into an application program; and
25 wherein said forming of said list of said objects for
which related information is available is responsive to said
detecting of said operation in which said document is loaded
into said application program, and wherein said forming of
said list comprises comparing objects within said document
30 with entries in a dictionary data structure.

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20 8. The method of claim 1, wherein said information from said database related to said selected one of said objects in said list comprises indication of at least one related resource, and further comprising:

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said indication of said at least one related resource.

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10. The method of claim 8, wherein said at least one related resource from said data base comprises streaming audio information.

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11. The method of claim 8, wherein said at least one related resource from said data base comprises streaming video information.

10 12. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

monitoring user activities on a local system, said user activities indicating whether a user of said local system is interested in said document;

15 determining a rating of said document in response to said monitoring of said activities on said local system; and storing said rating of said document in association with said document, wherein said rating determines, at least in part, a likelihood that said document will be displayed in response to a search of said database.

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13. A computer program product including a computer readable medium, said computer readable medium having program code stored thereon, said program code comprising:

25 program code for parsing a document, said document including a number of objects;

program code for forming a list of those of said objects in said document for which related information is available;

30 program code for detecting selection of one of said objects in said list by said user;

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16. The computer program product of claim 15, wherein said program code for forming said list further comprises program code for including one of said objects in said document in said list in the event that said one of said objects in said document matches one of said entries in said dictionary.

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program code for outputting content associated with
said at least one related resource in response to said

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22. The computer program product of claim 20, wherein said related resource from said data base comprises streaming audio information.

5 23. The computer program product of claim 20, wherein said related resource from said data base comprises streaming video information.

24. The computer program product of claim 13, further comprising:

program code for monitoring user activities on a local system, said activities indicating whether a user of said local system is interested in said document;

15 program code for determining a rating of said document in response to said monitoring of said activities on said local system; and

program code for storing said rating of said document in association with said document, wherein said rating determines, at least in part, a likelihood that said document will be displayed in response to a search of said database.

25. A computer data signal embodied in a carrier wave, said computer data signal including a computer program, said computer program comprising:

program code for parsing a document, said document including a number of objects;

30 program code for forming a list of those of said objects in said document for which related information is available;

program code for detecting selection of one of said objects in said list by said user;

program code for searching a database for information regarding said selected one of said objects in said list; and

5 program code for displaying information from said database related to said selected one of said objects in said list.

26. A system for enabling information associations, comprising:

10 a client computer system, said client computer system including a processor coupled to a memory;

an information association utility loaded in said memory and executable on said processor, said information association utility operable to

15 parse a document, said document including a number of objects,

form a list of those of said objects in said document for which related information is available;

20 detect selection of one of said objects in said list by said user;

search a database for information regarding said selected one of said objects in said list; and

25 display information from said database related to said selected one of said objects in said list.

27. A computer data signal embodied in a carrier wave, said computer data signal including a computer program, said computer program comprising:

30 means for parsing a document, said document including a number of objects;

means for forming a list of those of said objects in said document for which related information is available;

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means for displaying information from said database related to said selected one of said objects in said list.

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